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SUBJ: THREATS TO SAUDI ARABIAN UN MISSION AND CONSULATE GENERAL

1. USUN WAS INFORMED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 PM, FEB 14, 1975, UN SECURITY OFFICE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED ENGLISH-SPEAKING MALE WHO STATED: "A PACKAGE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAUDI ARABIAN MISSION. THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS THREE STICKS OF HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL. LOOK FOR A RETURN ADDRESS OF MR. SAVANNAH." UN SECURITY OFFICIALS STATED CALLER, WHO WAS WELL SPOKEN, ALLEGED HE WAS MAKING CALL VIA LONG DISTANCE. HOWEVER, UN ADVISED THAT IN VIEW OF CLARITY OF CALL AND AFTER CHECK WITH ALL UN TELEPHONE OPERATORS ON DUTY, THEY BELIEVE CALL WAS MADE LOCALLY.

2. FBI, SECRET SERVICE, POSTAL INSPECTORS AND NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPT HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

3. SAUDI ARABIAN MISSION ADVISED THAT NO SUCH PACKAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE AND PERSONS HANDLING MAIL HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY BRIEFED.

4. CONSUL GENERAL MOHAMED JAWAD ADVISED USUN THAT ONE RONALD POLLARD HAS OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS VISITED CONSULATE IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN PASSAGE TO SAUDI ARABIA. POLLARD, WHO ON PREVIOUS VISITS TO CONSULATE WAS QUITE PASSIVE, HAS

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NOW BECOME BELLIGERENT AND HAS THREATENED CONSULATE PERSONNEL.

POLLARD STATES HE IS RESIDENT OF LE BARON HOTEL, 330 WEST 51ST ST, NEW YORK CITY. (CHECK OF NEW YORK CITY DIRECTORIES AND POLICE INDICATES THERE IS NO SUCH ADDRESS AND NO LE BARON HOTEL.) CONSUL GENERAL ALSO ADVISED THAT RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING ANONYMOUS THREATENING CALLS AT HIS RESIDENCE.

5. SAUDI MISSION COUNSELOR ALLAGHANY AND CONSUL GENERAL JAWAD HAVE REQUESTED RESUMPTION OF EPS COVERAGE FOR MISSION AND CONSULATE. USUN REPLIED IT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT EPS COVERAGE COULD BE REINSTITUTED AT THIS TIME; HOWEVER, NEW YORK CITY POLICE AGREED PROVIDE "SPECIAL ATTENTION" WITH PERIODIC VISITS BY FOOT PATROLMEN TO BOTH MISSION AND CONSULATE AND TO FURNISH "SPECIAL ATTENTION" TO CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE. USUN ADVISED SAUDI OFFICIALS THAT SITUATION WILL BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE REVIEW AND REQUESTED THAT ALL THREATS OR APPEARANCE OF MR. POLLARD BE REPORTED PROMPTLY TO POLICE.

6. FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND BECAUSE OF IMPONDERABLES, USUN WOULD PREFER RESUMPTION OF EPS COVERAGES, BUT RECOGNIZES USUAL CRITERIA JUSTIFYING SUCH COVERAGE NOT FULLY MET AT PRESENT.
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